



Goose Pond

CHATHAM

38 Acres

Not To Be Used For Navigational Purposes

GOOSE POND (Chatham)

General Information:

This 38-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 24 feet and a maximum depth of 52 feet. Transparency is exceptional, extending to 23 feet, and aquatic vegetation is scant. The shoreline is wooded and sparsely developed. The bottom is composed primarily of sand.

To get to this pond from Route 6, take exit 11 and go south on Route 137. Take a left onto Queen Anne Road and head east for four-tenths (0.4) of a mile. The access is a dirt road on the right. This public right-of-way is suitable only for launching car top boats and canoes. Restrictions: **electric motors only, no outboard motors are allowed.**

This pond was reclaimed for trout management in 1954, 1959, 1963 and 1973. Due to concerns over acidification, the pond was treated with limestone in 1979. It was stocked with adult smallmouth bass in 1980 and 1981.

Fish Population:

This pond was most recently surveyed in 1988, at which time six species were recorded present: banded killifish, golden shiners, yellow perch, brown bullhead, mummichogs, and brown trout.

Fishing Information:

Goose Pond is stocked annually in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. Occasional holdover trout are reported, indicating that the pond can carry trout through the summer, at least during some years. All the usual trout baits, lures and flies are effective. The sunken island or "hump" out in front of the access sight is always a good spot to start fishing, as trout tend to hang on this structure during the spring and early summer. Shoreline anglers can target the trough between the shore and the hump. There should be at least a few smallmouth bass available, but they are apparently quite scarce or they would have showed up in the last survey.

Goose Pond was one of the last ponds in Massachusetts to be reclaimed. Anglers are encouraged to remove any of the warm water fish that they catch.

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